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2005 BIDS FOR THE KIDS: "A NIGHT OF SUPERHEROES"

It's crunch time!!! Bids for the Kids is right around the corner! Bids is our sole fundraiser to enable us to give to the kids of our community. This year's theme is "A Night of Superhe-

roes," and we will be honoring those individuals from our community who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their efforts to help the children in the area.

The event will be held at the University Center Club on January 22, 2004, from 8:00pm - 1:00am. Tickets for the event are \$50 per person and \$80 per couple.

We have a stellar Bids commit-



tee (led by Jaimi Morhard), but they really need your help to ensure that the event is a huge success! If you have any questions or you would like to involved, please contact Jaimi at

> 567.9130, and she can let you know where they need your help the most!

We will need tons of help as we complete the final hours of preparation for the event, so we encourage all members to participate, as well as attend the event! Please join us as we gather together in our effort to lend kids a helping hand!

Are you a Superhero? 2005 Bids tickets are now on sale! Questions? Want to help? Contact Jaimi Morhard at 567.9130!

AUCTION ITEMS, SPONSORSHIPS, AND NOMINATIONS... OH MY!!

Getting involved with Bids is as easy as picking up a few silent auction items, obtaining a sponsorship or two, and/or nominating a superhero for recognition at the event. We will also need tons of help preparing the auction items for display, as well as setting up the ballroom and other areas that we will need to

utilize to make the event a success! T25 would not even remotely be able to pull off this annual event without hardworking individuals like you being willing to volunteer their time. Thank you to everyone, and we look forward to seeing you as we finish the last few Bids preparation efforts!

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



A new year is here and T25 is ready to embrace this year with both novel and classic directions. Starting in February, right after Bids for the Kids, we will take on a new challenge — The Tallahassee Coalition for the Homeless. T25's mission is

to create opportunities for local children, through support and hands-on involvement in programs and activities which allow kids to enjoy their youth, while also helping them learn principles such as responsibility, self esteem, self discipline, and teamwork. Our organization will be the first children's organization to work with the children affiliated with

Tallahassee Coalition for the Homeless. The Board is looking forward to this new challenge and we hope that you may find the time to dedicate your energy to helping us make a difference in their lives.

Next, we are implementing some old ideas from the past. Many of the original members have expressed an interest in bringing back some of the classic activities, such as paint-n-play. Well, this is a great idea, and we are prepared to make it happen. Our hope is that we may recapture the interest from some of the original and long-standing members, and encourage them to get very involved

once again! Those individuals helped shape T25, and our thanks goes out to each of them!

"Bids for the Kids" is this month, and we need your help! Please take the time to make a commitment to the effort, by either becoming a sponsor or donating a silent auction item. You make the difference in T25 and our community! Happy New Year! Make a difference!

> - Sean Singleton T25 President

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our Hero Sponsors for Bids for the Kids (\$1,000 & above):

BOOTH PROPERTIES

TRI-EAGLE SALES

GOVERNORS CLUB

CLEAR CHANNEL

Mayo Woodward

MAINLINE

GT ENTERTAINMENT

Café Cabernet

SILVER PRODUCTIONS

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MEET THE T25 DECEMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH — ROBB WELDON!



Robb Weldon

The Tallahassee 25 Board would like to congratulate Robb Weldon on being selected as our December Member of the Month! Now, we'd like to let all of you know a little bit more about this out-

standing member!

Robb Weldon works at the Federal Correctional Institute (FCI) in Tallahassee, doing Computer Networking and information security. He attended college at Sewanee (The University of the South) in Tennessee. He also attended Thunderbird (American Graduate School of International Management) in Phoenix, Arizona, followed by the Florida State University, Republic of Panama Campus, which eventually led him to Tallahassee.

He is originally from the Panama Canal Zone in the Republic of Panama, Central America. He has been in Tallahassee since 1987, and has been a member of Tallahassee 25 since about a year after it began.

He enjoys flying small planes (which he began even before he could drive a car). He used to walk to the airport for flying lessons when he was 15 years old!!!

His favorite Tallahassee 25 experiences have included the Haunted House, Paintn-Plays, and socials! He is looking forward to a very successful and enjoyable 2005 Bids for the Kids. He would encourage all members to get involved, whether with the children or behind the scenes. He feels that there is always something for everyone to enjoy, and you will make new and rewarding friendships, whether that is with a child in need or with another member!

Congratulations, Robb, on being the December member of the month, and thank you for all you have done for T25. JANUARY Page 3

MEMBER MOMENTS



2004 Halloween Social at Paradise



2004 Santa's Preschool Playtime



2004 Winter Festival

CONTRIBUTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

This column highlights a special volunteer opportunity ("contributions") & social opportunity ("celebrations") each month.

Spotlight on...

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING!

Because of all of the work we do with Girls and Boys Town, Tallahassee 25 was one of the invitees to the organization's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting! This



CONTRIBUTIONS

year's ceremony was just beautiful, and the kids were amazing, as usual! Kerry, as our Tutoring & Mentoring Leader, as well as our Holiday Happiness Team of Angi, Brian, Disraelly, & Jerry, ensured that the kids had tons to celebrate! Thanks to everyone! Spotlight on...

DECEMBER SOCIAL!

What a festive and special December social we had! The wine-tasting fundraiser was held at the *BEAUTI-FUL* Governors Club, on Thursday, 12/16/04, at

CELEBRATIONS 7:00pm. We all had a great time,

and the view from the balcony was simply spectacular! If you have any ideas for our next member mixer, please contact Kayla Hobbs at 575.5619,, or email any of the Board Members.

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS (AND WRAPPING)!

One of the



wrap ALL of the present that we bought especially for

final pieces
of our Holiday Happiness crusade was to
wrap ALL of
the presents
that we
bought es-

the kids from our partner organizations. Brian Elzweig very generously opened up his home to tons of T25'ers, who spent the day wrapping, tying bows, and affixing nametags to packages to get them all ready for Santa to deliver straight from his sleigh!

Thank you to our amazing Holiday Happiness Committee Leaders — Jeremiah Buchanan, Disraelly Cruz, Brian Elzweig, and Angela Passero. Also, thank you to everyone who helped out with all of the different parts

of Holiday Happiness!! Your commitment and dedication are very much appreciated, and your efforts have truly made a difference in the life of a child.





You can always get the most up to date information at our website! http://www.Tallahassee25.org

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What is the Tallahassee 25?

The Tallahassee 25 is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization incorporated with the State of Florida, with no paid staff. Twenty five young professionals established the organization as charter members in March 1997. After simply collecting contributions for a little league baseball team, they realized they shared a common mission to help area children and wanted to continue that vision with a more structured commitment. With that, the charter members formed this non-profit organization and established its bylaws.

The vision of the Tallahassee 25 is "to create and inspire hope for children and families in order to improve our community's quality of life."

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JANUARY CALENDAR





UPCOMING IN FEBRUARY

General Meeting - 2/9/05

Preschool Playtime — 2/14/05 Tutoring & Mentoring Contact: Kerry McCombs (345.1176)

Evening with the Kids — 2/23/05 Tutoring & Mentoring Contact: Kerry McCombs (345.1176)

February Event — TBA SLaK Contact: Sherman Rosier (228.3422)

See website for additional details: http://www.Tallahassee25.org